

Discharge Instructions TCA Peel

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To optimize healing please follow these instructions:

- Healing is typically painless. You may experience swelling, particularly around the eyes.
- The skin will feel tight (especially in the area around the eyes and mouth) and will darken somewhat before it starts to peel. Skin will begin to peel in 3 to 7 days.
- Occasional itching may occur. Cool compresses or over-the-counter Benadryl may help. Check with your doctor before you combine Benadryl with your other post-op oral medications.
- Your skin does not require cleansing with soap before it peels. The dead skin layer protects the healing skin underneath.
- Once the skin starts to peel, please cleanse the skin with a gentle cleanser (such as CeraVe or Cetaphil) and then apply Aquaphor Healing Ointment (tube) to the areas that have peeled at least twice a day, or as often as needed to maintain a thin layer of the ointment.
- The skin is healing. Do NOT pick or peel the skin manually as this could result in permanent scarring.
- If you had a full face peel, eat small bites and avoid opening your mouth wide. Avoid drinking through a straw.
- Avoid all sun exposure! Wear protective clothing, a hat, and sunglasses.
- No make-up or sun block until 7 days **after** your skin has peeled.
- We recommend you sleep on your back.
- Men should not shave until cleared by your surgeon.

FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT: _____

If you have questions immediately after surgery, call Dr. _____ Mon-Fri 8am – 5pm at 512-458-2141